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FOSTER CAREGIVER AGREEMENT

By signing this agreement, I hereby understand, acknowledge and agree to the following.

FOSTER PROGRAM PURPOSE:

King County, a charter county government under the Constitution of the State of Washington ("County"), maintains a Regional Animal Services section through the authority of the County Executive. In the regular course of providing Regional Animal Services in King County, Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) uses foster caregiver volunteers to help with animal care.

Fostering is a method of providing care temporarily for shelter animals that have special needs or need some time away from the shelter (hereinafter "foster animal").

FOSTER CAREGIVER RESPONSIBILITIES AND AGREEMENTS:

1. I will provide humane care and treatment, appropriate socialization if it can be safely undertaken, use the medical services provided or directed to be provided by RASKC veterinary staff, comply with all laws and ordinances, make no claim against RASKC and/or the foster animal's owner for any expenses including upkeep incurred while the animal is in foster care, make no claim against RASKC and/or the rightful owner for any illness or damage which the animal may cause to any person, animal or property and return the foster animal promptly to RASKC if requested by RASKC, as further explained below.
2. I will provide the following at my own expense:
 - a. A clean, safe environment for the foster animal, which prevents injury and the spread of disease.
 - b. Food (provided by RASKC), water, shelter, bedding, and sanitation, including the sanitary and lawful disposal of the animal's liquid and solid waste.
 - c. Medical and other health-related expenses for my own animals should my personal pets contract any illness from or be injured by the foster animal.
3. I will keep foster animal(s) separate from my own animals, unless specifically permitted in writing by RASKC on a case-by-case basis.
4. While outdoors, if not on a leash, I will at all times provide the foster animal with a securely-fenced yard or other space which contains adequate and appropriate shelter.
5. I will always keep fostered cats indoors, unless I place them in a secure enclosure which is pre-approved by RASKC. I will keep fostered dogs primarily indoors.

6. I will take all reasonable measures to protect other animals, as well as humans, from injuries caused by or diseases contracted from the foster animal while in my care.
7. Regarding medical care for the foster animal:
 - a. For any veterinary care needed, I will use RASKC providers. I understand that RASKC provides health exams, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery and diagnostic services for foster animals at no cost to me and that medications prescribed by the RASKC veterinarian will be provided at no cost to me. I further understand that I will not be reimbursed for any medical expense I incur on behalf of a foster animal if it is not approved *in advance* by the RASKC veterinarian.
 - b. I will follow all instructions given by RASKC veterinarians or staff regarding medical care and treatment for foster animals.
8. I understand and agree that my agreement to act as a foster caregiver for RASKC does not give me any right of ownership over any foster animal and that I must return the foster animal within two (2) days upon request of RASKC. I understand and agree that my failure to promptly return a foster animal as requested by RASKC and as specified in this paragraph 8 is unlawful, and that I will be subject to associated civil and/or criminal action if I fail to do so.
9. I understand that I may return a foster animal to RASKC if at any time the foster arrangement is not working out, no matter the reason.
10. I agree that I will allow RASKC to inspect my facility and/or home after reasonable notice, at a reasonable time, in order to verify the health and safety of the foster animal and its surroundings.

INFORMED CONSENT, RELEASE AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS

I, (print name) _____, wish to become a foster caregiver for RASKC. I recognize that I will be exposed to the risks inherent in handling and otherwise dealing with animals, which could cause property damage and/or personal injury up to and including death. For and in consideration of RASKC's permission to be a foster caregiver, I agree to protect, defend, indemnify and save harmless the County, its officers, officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, suits, penalties, losses, damages, judgments, attorneys fees and/or costs of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any way resulting from my foster caregiver activities.

Foster Caregiver:

Dated _____

Signed _____

Printed name _____

Witness: RASKC Representative Signature _____

Printed name _____